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In re patent application of

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Group art Unit 1638

Examiner: M. Kimball

For: RECOMBINANT PLANT GENOME, COMPRISING SPECIFIC CHICORY  
GENES AND A NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE CONFERRING  
MALE STERILITY, AND ITS USE

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2000, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I, Claims 1, 4-9, 10 and 11, drawn to a recombinant plant genome comprising sunflower orf 522 sequence, cytoplasm containing said genome and further methods of using the sequence in plant transformation or selection.

The attention of the examiner is directed to Page 3. The priority document is incorrectly noted in the Restriction Requirement as PCT/FR98/00944. The correct document is --PCT/FR97/0094-- as shown by the documents filed under 35 USC 371. The examiner is respectfully requested to clarify the discrepancy.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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